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Mr. Ed Pangersis  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
And All Employees  
Ridgway Powdered Metals, Inc.  
St. Marys Road  
Ridgway, Pennsylvania 15853

Dear Mr. Pangersis and All Employees:

I read with great pleasure the recent article about Ridgway Powdered Metals, Inc. (RPM) celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please accept my warmest congratulations on achieving this prestigious milestone.

RPM has learned the valuable lesson of labor and management working together, as a team, to create a successful company with strong capabilities for potential growth. All too often, when a company lacks this structure, as RPM did for a brief time in the '90's, the company is forced to close. However, when times were tough, RPM decided to turn the course of events around by hiring competent management. This important decision proved to be the successful link that was missing and it allowed the company to diversify and ultimately acquire 9000 Certification.

With a five-year plan in place, RPM stands ready to adapt to the economy and continue to flourish. You have my personal salute for meeting the many challenges in today's marketplace and meeting them with integrity.

Again, congratulations on reaching this milestone in the history of RPM. As always, if I can be of assistance to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

John E. Peterson  
Member of Congress

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